Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Johanna Lengkeek, and we are richer because Johanna lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Johanna Marie Lengkeek was born March 29, 1909, at Volga, South Dakota, to Kryn and Gertie Lengkeek; and,

Whereas, Johanna lived on the family farm most of her life, helping in all aspects of the farm operation from tending gardens to threshing oats; and,

Whereas, Johanna resides at Brookview Nursing Home in Brookings, South Dakota, and her family contributes her longevity to hard work and a strong faith, which contributes to positive qualities and outstanding character; and,

Whereas, Johanna will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather to celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2009, as

JOHANNA LENGKEEK DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State